

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, after the second paragraph, please insert the following paragraphs:

--US 5,308,129 discloses a unit carrier for a motor vehicle door which is pressed from metal sheet and to which a lock holding angle can be fastened. The unit carrier has an oblong recess which comprises two enlarged opening regions. Two claw-shaped forks are formed on one wall of the lock holding angle, which forks can be inserted in said opening regions of the unit carrier and positively clamp round the unit carrier to the right side by displacement of the lock holding angle.

US 5,101,597 discloses a fork-shaped handle bracket with a handle swivelled on it for fastening to a plate-shaped inner element of a vehicle door. The plate-shaped inner element consists of metal sheet and has two toe straps produced by punching, which straps define the insert openings into which the ends of tongue-shaped insert elements of the fork-shaped handle bracket may be inserted. Furthermore, two rectangular openings are punched out in the inner door element, which

openings serve to receive and secure clamp-type retaining sections of the handle bracket. Two further openings are punched out between the rectangular openings and the toe straps for receiving spring elastic projections which project from the lower sides of the tongue-shaped insert elements. When assembled, each clamp-type retaining section of the handle bracket clamps round the edge region of the associated rectangular opening, and each spring elastic projection projects into the opening associated with it. Moreover, a knob is formed on each of the insert elements which knob, when the handle bracket is assembled, presses with spring elasticity against the lower side of the associated toe strap.--

Page 2, line 9 from below, to page 3, line 2, cancel this paragraph and insert instead the following new paragraphs:

--This object is achieved by a unit carrier with the features of Claim 16. The unit carrier intended for a motor vehicle door is provided with at least one fastening section

for a door lock and fixing points for securing the unit carrier to a motor vehicle door, wherein the door lock can be connected to the unit carrier by means of a lock holding angle.

Furthermore, the unit carrier according to the invention is characterised in that a snap-in connection, designed as a detachable clip connection, is provided between the lock holding angle and the unit carrier so that the lock holding angle can be secured to the unit carrier by means of a catch mechanism, wherein the snap-in connection is formed by a plurality of insert openings and at least one lockable plug-in element formed on the lock holding angle, and wherein the insert openings are contained in ribs formed on the unit carrier, which ribs are spaced a certain distance from each other in the direction of insertion of the plug-in element.

The lock holding angle may therefore be secured by simple snap-in locking to the unit carrier for pre-assembly of the door lock, whereby considerable time saving is achieved in pre-assembling the door lock and additional fixing means, such as

rivets or screws, for securing the door lock and lock holding angle to the unit carrier, may be fully dispensed with. By designing the snap-in connection as a detachable clip connection the connection between the lock holding angle and the unit carrier can be detached without damage, if necessary, particularly in the case of repair. The configuration comprising ribs spaced a certain distance apart provides a very robust fastening of the lock holding angle to the unit carrier with a relatively low material consumption in manufacturing the connecting elements of the snap-in connection.--

Page 4, lines 18 to 24, amend this paragraph as follows:

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A particularly robust connection of the lock holding angle and unit carrier is achieved especially when, according to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the snap-in connection is formed by a plurality of ~~insert openings formed in the unit carrier and a plurality of~~ plug-in elements that are formed on

the lock holding angle and are lockable in the insert openings.--

Page 6, penultimate line, to page 7, line 11, amend this paragraph to read as follows: --

The invention is not limited in its performance to the exemplary embodiments described above. On the contrary, a number of further variants are conceivable which, even in essentially differing design, also make use of the inventive concept contained in the claims. For example, the snap-in or clip connection according to the invention may also be designed in such a manner that only one ~~single insert opening associated with the plug-in element is formed on the unit carrier 1. It is also within the scope of the invention for only one of the~~ plug-in elements 10, 11 or 10', 11' to be provided with a snap-in projection 14 or 14', according to Fig. 3 or Fig. 5, in a fork-shaped design of the lock holding angle 4, 4'. --

Same page, cancel the last paragraph ("Furthermore, ...
Snap-in element.").